

EC unable to agree on Mideast statement

BONN (R) — The European Community (EC) has not agreed on a new Middle East declaration only three days before its foreign ministers are due to meet King Hussein, a West German Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday. The ministers and the monarch are expected to discuss possibilities for a peace settlement in the Middle East at a meeting in Bonn Monday. Diplomats from EC member states in Bonn said the text of a declaration had been drafted but was rejected by some EC states because they considered it too anti-Israeli. Diplomatic sources said they expected the foreign ministers' meeting to voice the bloc's support for an international Middle East peace conference. The Foreign Ministry spokesman said it was important that any peace proposals should involve all the parties in the region.

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Tabba' returns

AMMAN (J.T.) — Industry, Trade and Supply Minister Hamdi Al Tabba' returned home Friday night after heading the Jordanian delegation to the 44th meeting of the Arab Economic and Social Council which took place in Tunis on Feb. 1 and lasted four days. The minister said upon arrival that the council would hold an extraordinary meeting during the first week of July to examine the operations of regional Arab organisations and other joint Arab entities. He added that the council had issued important decisions on Arab food security and on promoting Arab trade.

Aides to Mubarak, Peres meet in Rome

ROME (AP) — Advisers to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met here Friday to discuss Middle East peace efforts, an Israeli embassy spokesman said. The spokesman quoted Nimrod Novick, Peres' political adviser, as saying he had "an exchange of positions and opinions" with Osama Al Baz, Mubarak's political adviser. The two officials conferred on the "Middle East issue and its various aspects," the spokesman said.

Arafat to visit Moscow

MOSCOW (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat will visit Moscow shortly to discuss a Soviet proposal for an international Middle East peace conference, a senior PLO official said Friday. Nayef Hawatmeh, head of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, told reporters Arafat would arrive in the Soviet capital in late February or early March. Hawatmeh has been visiting Moscow at the head of a four-member Palestinian delegation. He told a news conference that Arafat's visit was agreed during his talks Thursday with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Italian government survives vote

ROME (R) — Italy's Chamber of Deputies finally approved a battered 1988 budget bill Friday in a vote vital for survival of the fragile five-party coalition government. Politicians said defeat in the secret ballot on the budget bill as a whole would have meant the almost certain resignation of the six-month-old government of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals. But the government's victory in the secret ballot by 331 votes to 263 gave it only a few more weeks of breathing space, political sources said.

Britain holds Sikh bombing suspect

LONDON (AP) — Police Friday arrested a Sikh in connection with a 1985 explosion at a Japanese airport in which two people died. West Midlands police said traffic officers stopped Inderjit Singh Reyat, a 35-year-old electrician, as he drove to work at the Jaguar car factory in Coventry, and he was then taken into custody by anti-terrorist squad officers. Assistant chief constable Tom Metten said Reyat, who holds a British passport, was detained on behalf of Canadian authorities under terms of an extradition warrant issued by magistrates at London's Bow Street court.

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15 hospitalised after beatings in Gaza

Occupation army, settlers shoot and wound 8 Arabs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops and settlers shot and wounded eight Palestinians during renewed violent protests in the occupied West Bank Friday, Arab hospitals said.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, 21 Palestinians were admitted to hospitals after being beaten by soldiers, hospital records showed. They included a 75-year-old woman and 13 residents of the Jaba refugee camp.

About 200 Arab protesters raised the Palestinian flag and peleted rocks at Israeli police at the Haram Al Sharif complex in Jerusalem.

Two Palestinians were wounded by gunfire in Hebron when soldiers opened fire to subdue dozens of Arab protesters who barricaded the main road with burning tyres, then hurled rocks at soldiers and passing cars, the army said.

Five other Palestinians were hospitalised at the Al Ittihad hospital in Nablus with gunshot wounds to the legs and feet, a hospital official said.

Israel Radio said one of the

at Gaza City's main Al Amari Mosque, an Arab witness told the AP.

The Palestine Press Service (PPS) reported clashes between soldiers and Arab protesters in the West Bank villages of Salem, Hawara and Toubas, all outside Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, two Arab protesters emerged from noon prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque waving a Palestinian flag and chanting anti-Israeli slogans. They were carried on the shoulders of dozens of other Palestinians.

A police spokesman said three Arabs were arrested and reporters saw at least half a dozen others detained.

Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply to Gaza City during the prayers in an apparent attempt to prevent mosque loudspeakers being used to call out demonstrators.

There were 700 riot police in Arab Jerusalem, mostly near Al Aqsa Mosque.

Police ordered the closure for a week of all schools in Arab Jerusalem, affecting about 30,000 pupils, to prevent protests. All schools in the West Bank were ordered closed earlier this week.

S. Lebanon alert against Israeli reprisal attack

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies) — South Lebanon remained tense and resistance fighters were on full alert Friday against possible Israeli reprisal attacks after a three-man Palestinian commando squad killed two Israeli soldiers in a clash Thursday.

Palestinian sources quoted by Reuter said one of the three commandos had returned safely to Lebanon, although they refused to reveal his identity and whereabouts.

Sidon residents said Israeli warplanes flew low over the city and staged mock raids on the Palestinian refugee camps of Ain Al Hilweh and Mich Mich and surrounding hillsides.

Fighters and Lebanese militiamen were on alert behind anti-aircraft guns in the hills and the coast road for fear of Israeli retaliation for the attack, claimed Al Hilweh and Mich Mich and surrounding hillsides.

Shipping sources said the Tavistock raid for Western help when it first came under fire 11 miles northeast of Dubai at 2.30 a.m. (2230 GMT Thursday). The gunboats then fired a second time.

There were no casualties and the crew quickly put out a small fire on board. The bridge was hit and some radio equipment was out of action but damage was generally light, the sources said.

Friday's attack was Iran's third in four days and 11th this year.

Shipping sources have confirmed nine of 18 attacks claimed by Iraq against Iran's oil fleet this year.

Friday's Iranian raid appeared to be in revenge for Iraq's attack on the 25,651-tonne Iranian tanker Mokran off the Iranian coast Thursday.

It was the second time Palestinian commandos had managed to cross the border in two weeks.

The guerrillas Thursday ambushed an Israeli army patrol near a Jewish settlement after they crossed the border from Lebanon, killing two soldiers and wounding another.

One of the guerrillas was killed while another was wounded and another, critically wounded, died later.

Fateh claimed responsibility for the raid.

"The operation was staged by a three-man squad of Fateh's Jericho battalion," said a communiqué distributed in Sidon.

and wants Libya instead to join a non-aggression pact, stressing economic links, which it signed with Tunisia and Mauritania in 1983.

This would exclude Morocco, with which Algeria is at odds over the 12-year-old Western Sahara war. But Tunisia insists that Morocco cannot be left out.

Qadhafi's trip to Tunisia sets the seal on a restoration of diplomatic relations between the two countries in December after a break of more than two years. Tunisia severed ties in September 1985 when Libya expelled some 33,000 Tunisian migrant workers.

The 46-year-old colonel, accompanied by a large entourage in two white-and-gold Boeing 707s, was warmly greeted by Ibn Ali at Tunis-Carthage airport Thursday.

Qadhafi was accompanied by Foreign Minister Jaddallah Azzouz Al Talhi. Algeria opposes Qadhafi's plan

King concludes talks in Paris; Mitterrand reaffirms support

King assails U.S. and Israel

In a television interview, the King blasted Israel and the U.S. saying the two countries were responsible for the failure to reach a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The King told French Television that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's settlement policies were "a very dangerous provocation," and warned the U.S. that its support of Israel's repressive policies threatened its interests in the region.

He said the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories was "a spontaneous anti-occupation revolt and not instigated from outside the territories."

The King criticised Washington for its veto of a Security Council resolution calling on Israel to end its suppression of Palestinian protests.

"The United States should realise the fact that it is not serving anybody's interests in the region nor its own interests or the interests of peace," the King said.

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Peace Ship to set sail Wednesday

Rifai: 'Autonomy,' 'self-rule' proposals gimmicks to defuse Palestinian revolt

BAHRAIN (AP) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai was quoted Friday as saying that U.S. envoy Philip Habib did not carry details of Washington's "so-called new initiative" to breathe life into the stalled Middle East process.

But, in interview from Paris with the London-based Mideast Mirror, Rifai warned the "self-rule" and "autonomy" proposals which are being floated as part of the latest U.S. plan are "gimmicks to defuse the popular uprising in the occupied territories and assist Israel in coping with the situation on hand."

Rifai was speaking at the end of a three-day visit to France by King Hussein, part of a European tour to discuss efforts for an international Middle East peace conference on the Middle East, with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Habib visited Amman last Saturday. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said that his mission was part of Washington's wish "to offer the services of the United States in any way possible" to help a Middle East settlement.

The prime minister told the

Regent urges bridging gap between leaders and public

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, urged Arab intellectuals and communicators Friday to contribute to bridging the gap between the perceptions of decisionmakers and the silent majority in the Arab World on issues related to the complexities of Arab causes.

"It is important that we do not give up our responsibility in addressing the silent majority who are in need to know that their leaders are aware of their causes," the Crown Prince told the annual meeting of the Arab Thought Forum (ATF).

He called on Arab intellectuals from 20 Arab countries present at the forum "not to leave the arena open for illogical and rigid forces," and to "become aware that all of us — Jordanians, Jordanian Palestinians and Jordanian Arabs — know the way to dealing with the current events, despite their bitterness and harshness, through a proper analysis and understanding of the requirements of the circumstances themselves."

He reminded the 170-member ATF that "Jordan was the first to call for the (Palestinian) right to self-determination, rejected (Jewish) settlements and warned of their threat."

He said the Kingdom "has always followed practical and quiet methods to support people in the occupied territories at a time when the prevailing Arab position was to adopt general slogans about supporting the steadfastness of the cause."

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Rifai said Jordan and the PLO had resumed talks in Amman recently in "friendly and cordial atmosphere."

Rifai said Jordan had no preconditions as to how the PLO was to be represented at the international peace conference should it convene. Jordan would not object if the PLO could go as an independent delegation or as part of an all-Arab delegation, he said.

But he added: "We deal with the possible. We will be willing to help the PLO on the basis of what is possible, feasible and pragmatic to ensure its participation in the conference simply because we insist that the representatives of the Palestinian people be there. We will not negotiate on their behalf."

Speaking on Jordan's efforts to heal a long-standing rift between Syria and Iraq, he said it was difficult to determine a time frame for the culmination of the efforts but "the important thing is that a trend has been initiated. Our hope is that it will continue until it reaches a successful end."

EC accuses Israel of violating agreement

Navarro-Valls said the Pope and Mubarak discussed the need for a peaceful and equitable solution for the urgent problems of the Middle East.

Navarro-Valls said the Pope appreciated all responsible efforts to bring peace to the Middle East.

The spokesman said the Pope had often insisted on justice for the Palestinians and the "moral duty" to put an end to their suffering without endangering Israel's existence or all of Middle East states.

Implementation of the accord might influence whether the European parliament in Strasbourg next week ratifies a new agreement cutting tariffs on lucrative Israeli exports to the 12-nation bloc, political sources said.

Ratification now seems unlikely, they added.

The EC officials said Israel was blocking a first shipment of 300 tonnes of oranges labelled "Product of Gaza" destined for The Netherlands, by withholding an export licence.

Four crates of Gaza oranges intended as a gift to European Commissioner Claude Cheysson, who negotiated the accord with Israel last year, are also being held up, the officials said.

The executive European Commission lodged two complaints in Brussels this week.

"We expressed our serious concern that they are not trying to make it work," a senior EC official said.

The other test case involved

Earlier this week the Pope received King Hussein and Thursday the Vatican's foreign minister, Archbishop Achille Silvestri, met with a top official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Farouk Kaddoumi.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin

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Amnesty voices alarm at torture of Palestinians

U.S. adds to criticism of Israel at U.N. human rights panel

GENEVA (R) — The United States added its voice Friday at the U.N. Human Rights Commission to a chorus of criticism of Israeli treatment of Palestinians, but it called for balance to avoid inflaming the situation.

The human rights Amnesty International expressed alarm at reports it had received of Israeli torture of Palestinians, including bruising of the genitals, and it called for a thorough investigation of Israeli killings and beatings.

Israel has been attacked from all sides in the opening week of the U.N. body's annual review of human rights abuses worldwide. The commission, which cannot enforce any of its resolutions, relies on worldwide pressure to stimulate improvements.

U.S. Ambassador Armando Valdade said his country understood Israel's need to maintain order.

"However, the means used to restore civil order in any situation of popular unrest must involve a minimum of violence and a maximum of political restraint," he said.

The Amnest International criticism was unusually harsh for the

declaration, reiterating U.S. criticism of "indiscriminate beatings."

He said deportations of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip violated the Fourth Geneva Convention — even though Monday the United States vetoed U.N. Security Council resolution calling for Israel to observe the convention.

But he said: "If we are to play a constructive rather than a certain role, we must make certain that our language does not inflame... we need a balanced approach."

The other four permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Britain, France, China and the Soviet Union — sharply attacked Israeli practices Thursday.

The Amnest International criticism was unusually harsh for the

normally discreet organisation, delegates said.

"The highest authorities of the Israeli government should make clear to all law enforcement personnel that torture and ill-treatment will not be tolerated," the group asserted in a speech prepared for delivery at the Friday session.

"Amnesty International has received numerous reports, including affidavits, that detainees have been beaten, kicked and punched and subjected to higher death toll.

Some investigations have been carried out, it said, but it remained "concerned that not all cases have been investigated and that the use of live ammunition and beatings continues."

Amnesty said Palestinians had been arrested arbitrarily, held incommunicado, and denied basic rights in summary trials.

Israeli Minister-Counsellor Ralph Walden, a senior diplomat here, said Thursday that the rebellion had obliged Israel to use force, and he attacked the human rights record of many countries which criticised it.

Gunmen kidnap 2 UNRWA workers in Sidon

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Masked Palestinian commandos abducted two Scandinavian U.N. relief workers in southern Lebanon Friday, militia security sources said.

Nial Kiely, public information officer for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA), identified the two as Jan Stening, 44, from Sweden and Norwegian William Jorgenson, 58.

He said the agency, which provides work for thousands of Palestinian refugees in the Middle East, "did not know why the two were seized. We have no indication the two were threatened before."

UNRWA was urgently contacting "whoever can help," he said.

Militia security sources in Beirut said the kidnappers were Palestinians who could be loyal to the Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) guerrilla group or to Muslim fundamentalists.

The two men, who had supervised UNRWA operations in the Tyre area of southern Lebanon for nearly a year, were taken to Ain Al Hilweh Refugee Camp, the sources said.

The abductions brought to 27 the number of foreigners missing and believed kidnapped in Lebanon. But it was the first time Scandinavians had been targeted since pro-Iranian Muslims began seizing foreigners in Lebanon three years ago.

An UNRWA spokesman in Sidon said four gunmen, wearing green military fatigues and ski masks and brandishing automatic rifles, stopped Stening and Jorgenson as they drove along Maaroof Saad Street at the south-

ern entrance to Sidon at nine a.m. (0700 GMT).

He said they were heading for a weekend break in Beirut from their base in Tyre, south of Sidon, in a Renault car flying the white and blue UNRWA flag.

"The gunmen surrounded the car and immediately smashed the side windows at the front with the butts of their rifles and dragged the two out. They put them in a Mercedes Sedan and sped away," he said.

He quoted witnesses as saying the two did not resist. Eyewitnesses also said the gunmen had parked their Mercedes about 20 metres from the Renault and forced the two men to walk to the kidnap car.

Stening arrived in Lebanon in April 1987 and Jorgenson May.

It was the second kidnapping in Lebanon in 10 days. On Jan. 27, gunmen in mainly Muslim west Beirut grabbed West German Ralph Schray, apparently to force the release of two Lebanese held by Bonn.

Sidon is controlled by the Sunni Muslim Popular Liberation Army but the Shi'ite Muslim Amal militia has checkpoints at its southern edge and Palestinian commandos command surrounding hills.

In Vienna, UNRWA Commissioner-General Giorgio Giacomelli called for the immediate release of the two agency workers and said he had also asked U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to make urgent efforts to secure their release.

"These two men were performing a humanitarian task and have been supervising relief operations

for thousands of Palestine refugees and other needy people in the Tyre area," Giacomelli said in a statement issued by UNRWA's Vienna headquarters.

"UNRWA is making contacts through diplomatic and other channels to seek the immediate release of these staff members and I have informed the secretary-general asking him to make urgent efforts to gain the release of these two innocent men."

Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson Friday expressed his "utmost regrets" that a Swedish citizen for the first time was abducted in Lebanon, the national news agency TT reported.

Cairo conference urges harsh punishment for terrorists

CAIRO (R) — Police officers and academic experts from six countries have called on governments to strengthen the international fight against terrorism.

A six-day conference on combating terrorism, organised by the Egyptian Police Academy and several U.S. universities, also urged them not to cooperate with nations practising what a final resolution called "state terrorism."

It mentioned no names but delegations — most from Western or pro-Western states — said it was agreed the phrase was intended to apply to Iran, Libya and Cuba.

The experts recommended that all governments join existing anti-terrorism pacts or reach new regional agreements, and said the United Nations should encourage such cooperation.

They urged states to draft severe laws to punish terrorists but did not specify measures.

"International cooperation has to be developed to reach a clear understanding about terrorism, making the definition acceptable to all countries," a resolution said.

Richard Ward, conference co-chairman, told Reuters delegates disagreed on such a definition.

"But we all agreed to explore new avenues for better cooperation on the issue," he said.

Ward, from the Office of International Criminal Justice at the University of Illinois, said there was general agreement that air hijacking was a criminal offence regardless of its reasons.

"Whatever the cause, political or otherwise, hijacking which involves innocent people is wrong and a criminal act," he said.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

FOLK DANCE

* Performances of Romanian folk dance daily at 9:00 p.m. at Alia Gate-way Hotel (until Feb. 10).

AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

* "Desperately Seeking Susan" (1985) at 8:00 p.m. at the Royal Cinema Centre as part of the American film festival (until Feb. 7).

PUPPET FOR CHILDREN

* The Goeth Institute presents "Puppet for Children" at 4:00 p.m. at the Haya Arts Centre.

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Another relief mission sends aid to Sudan

AMMAN (Petra) — Another relief mission has left Amman for Sudan carrying medical and other relief supplies for victims of famine and drought.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, was present at the Thursday departure to bid farewell to the mission which groups 10 specialists, a general practitioner, nurses, technicians and their assistants. They will be taking over for two months the duties of a team currently working at the Jordanian-built hospital at Kass, where medical services have been offered to the local population over the past three years.

Addressing the team, Prince Hassan expressed hope that Jordanian missions would form



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Friday receives Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem Michel Sabbah (Petra photo)

High-level Bulgarian delegation arrives today

AMMAN (J.T.) — A high-level Bulgarian delegation headed by First Vice President of the Bulgarian State Council Peter Tachev arrives in Amman today for a three-day official visit, according to an embassy press release Friday.

The embassy statement said that Tachev, who is also the leader of the Bulgarian Agrarian Party, the co-ruling party, will deliver a personal message to His Majesty King Hussein from Bulgarian State Council President Todor Zhivkov.

Jordan will be the first leg of a regional tour which will include Iraq and Egypt successively, the

New stamp issue marks King's 'Man of Peace' award

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications will today issue its first commemorative stamp for 1988 entitled "King Hussein, Man of Peace of 1987." Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan announced here Friday.

The stamp marks the awarding of the Dag Hammarskjold Award for Peace to His Majesty King Hussein in August, 1987.

The minister said that the awarding of the Dag Hammarskjold Award to the King was a

statement said.

Tachev's talks with Jordanian officials will encompass issues of bilateral relations and prospects for their promotion and diversification. Opinions will be exchanged on the topical issues of the international situation and on the situation in the Middle East, the statement said.

Tachev's visit to Jordan is the first on such a high level. Bilateral contacts are most active in the field of economy, as annual trade amounts to about \$20 million.

The delegation is composed of senior ministerial officials responsible politicians and economic officials.

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — A delegation from the European Community (EC) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) will leave Amman for home today, winding up a week-long visit during which they signed an agreement covering Jordanian projects to be financed under a \$120-million protocol concluded last year.

The head of the EC delegation, Eberhard Rhein, and Ministry of Planning Secretary-General Ziyad Fariz signed the agreement which provides for grants, subsidised loans and risk capital for projects in agriculture, water resources and industry identified in Jordan's current \$10-billion five-year plan which began in 1986.

The agreement followed detailed discussions with Jordanian officials and is implementation of the third protocol between the EC and Jordan since 1977.

Under the agreement, the agricultural sector will benefit from approximately 40 per cent of the protocol's total funds, particularly water resource development projects.

Nearly 25 per cent of the funds will be devoted to the industrial sector for investment promotion, establishing industrial standards, mineral research and supporting industrial enterprises.

The remainder of the protocol's funds will support educational and scientific cooperation, energy development and other economic infrastructure.

"Jordan has proved to be a very efficient user of the EC's protocols, prompting us to sharply increase the volume of our financial and technical assistance to this country," said Rhein, who is the director of the Mediterranean, Middle East and Arab Department for the EC.

Addressing a press conference following the signing ceremony, Rhein said that it was hoped that the modest allocation for "risk capital" would stimulate venture capital schemes in Jordan.

Rhein paid tribute to EC-Jordan relations, and said he was impressed by the handling of the Jordanian economy and the loans that finance development projects in the country.

During his visit, Rhein said he met with Jordanian businessmen to explore areas for industrial cooperation between the EC and Jordan. He urged Jordan to diversify its agricultural products sold in European markets, and said that lowering production prices could ensure a more competitive position for Jordan in EC markets, as well as help adjust the balance of trade, which is now in favour of Europe.

The delegation Friday visited Petra and other sites in the south.

Indonesian youth minister departs after signing protocol

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and Indonesia have signed a protocol on bilateral cooperation in youth and sports affairs.

The protocol signed Thursday, calls for exchange visits by sports and youth teams and scout groups, as well as cooperation in sports training.

The protocol followed talks here between Indonesian Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Abdul Ghafour Edriss and Minister

of Youth Awad Khleifat.

During his three-day visit Edriss also toured sports facilities and visited youth organisations.

The two ministers who signed the protocol exchanged brief speeches, expressing hope for increased cooperation between the two countries in all sports and youth activities.

Following the signing ceremony, the Indonesian minister left for home.

Kuwaiti education minister leaves after touring schools

AMMAN (Petra) — Kuwaiti Minister of Education Anwar Abdullah Nouri has left Amman after ending his five-day visit to Jordan, during which he met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, and held talks with Minister of Higher Education Nasseruddine Al Assad and Minister of Education Thoban Hindawi.

He also signed a programme for organising bilateral, cultural and educational cooperation in

the next two years.

On the last day of his visit, Nouri, accompanied by Hindawi, visited the International Baccalaureate School in Amman, where he was briefed on the school's development and educational programmes. He also visited the Polytechnic School in Marka, and reviewed its advanced vocational training programmes.

Upon his departure Thursday, Nouri was seen off by Hindawi and other officials.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crown Prince attends prayers at Nuzah

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, attended Friday prayers at Al Mughira Ibn Shu'ba Mosque in Jabal Al Nuzah. The Crown Prince listened to a sermon which focused on the concept of honesty, and later shook hands with worshippers.

Outgoing S. Korean envoy honoured

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Royal Decree has been issued, conferring the Medal of Independence of the First Order on South Korean Ambassador to Jordan Dong Soon Park, in recognition of his services at the end of his term of office here. Park who was appointed ambassador to Jordan in May 1985, has been transferred to another post at the South Korean Foreign Ministry. He will be succeeded by Taejin Park.

EC: Israel violated agreement

(Continued from page 1) the export of manufactured goods from a West Bank firm to Britain, he said.

A shipment of lingerie from Ramallah, properly certified as of West Bank origin by the local chamber of commerce, arrived at British customs with a document stating the origin as "Israel." Britain reported the matter to the European Commission, which challenged Israel to explain

what it called this "severe case of fraudulent substitution," the EC official said.

The European parliament has twice delayed ratification of an EC-Israel finance protocol, lowering tariffs on exports such as cut flowers to take account of the entry of Spain and Portugal into the EC, on technical grounds which the Israelis contended were politically motivated.

Crown Prince, patriarch of Jerusalem stress need to bolster interfaith dialogue

AMMAN (Agencies) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Friday received newly-appointed Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem Michel Sabbah, who arrived here from occupied Jerusalem, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

The Crown Prince and Sabbah stressed the need to strengthen the dialogue between Muslims and Christians, according to Reuter.

"The two had a brief chat and made positive remarks on the need to strengthen the Christian-Muslim dialogue," a Roman Catholic church spokesman said, quoted by Reuter.

The meeting at the Plaza Hotel was attended by Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thouqan Hindawi, Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani and senior officials.

Sabbah arrived here from the occupied West Bank via King Hussein Bridge on his first trip to Jordan since his appointment last month.

During his week-long visit, Patriarch Sabbah, the first Arab to hold this post, will meet with senior Jordanian officials.

The Patriarch of Jerusalem was received upon arrival by Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, who was deputising for His Majesty King Hussein, and Sheikh Khayyat, deputising for Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, as well as other officials, parliamentarians and Muslim and Christian leaders.

Hundreds of Christians were also at hand to greet the 54-year-old Palestinian upon his arrival at the Marj Al Hamam suburb of Amman.

Prince Ra'd welcomed Pat-

riarch Sabbah, congratulated him on his new post, and wished him continuing success in his mission.

Sabbah, in a statement to Petra, said that he came from the occupied territories where the Palestinian people were enjoying high morale despite the plight they were facing. He also expressed his hope that comprehensive and just peace would prevail in the region.

During the welcoming ceremony Deputy Daoud Suleiman Daoud, chairman of the Occupied Territories Affairs Committee of the Lower House of Parliament, delivered a speech in which he welcomed Patriarch Sabbah as the first Palestinian Arab Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. "It was a wise decision by Pope John Paul II to select you as head of the Jerusalem Patriarchate," Daoud said.

The decision, he added, came at a time when the Palestinians in the occupied territories were facing the most brutal and oppressive measures at the hands of the Israeli occupation authorities.

Mu'ta University to expand facilities

By Elia Nasrallah
Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Mu'ta University near Karak expects the number of students enrolled in its civilian wing to increase to 3,000 from 700 in the next three years, and has made plans to expand its facilities to cope with the increase.

The delegation Friday visited Petra and other sites in the south.

a contract signed Thursday with a local construction firm provided for the construction of administration buildings and a library, in addition to water, electricity and telephone networks and other basic services for the civilian wing.

A local company, Ziyad Salah Establishment, won the JD 8.5-million contract for carrying out the project which should be completed in 30 months.

The funds for the project will come from the university's fiscal budgets over the next three years, and no loans or external aid are expected to be involved, Mahfazah noted.

He said that the university's 1988 budget was JD 11 million, up from JD 9 million in the 1987 fiscal year. According to Mahfazah, the allocated funds are normally spent on running both the civilian and the military wings.

Newly-established clinic and shelter to rescue ailing horses at Petra

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Anyone who has visited Petra in recent years cannot have helped feeling more than a little sorry for some of the 287 ponies that take the tourists often.

Often, badly shod and sometimes thin, tired and worn out, these horses, in between rides, stand all day under the beating sun without the benefit of shade and with little access to water. This sad state of affairs, however, will not continue for much longer; for in its final stages of construction is a clinic and shelter established by the Brooke Hospital for Animals, a London-based charity.

Designed by local artist and architect Ali Jabi, the small unobtrusive group of buildings that make up the clinic and shelter have been constructed out of local stone, thus allowing the structure to blend in completely with its magnificent surroundings.

The clinic itself consists of a treatment room, a room for the veterinarian and medicine and a farrier's shop. Behind the clinic are two boxes for any cases which need to stay for treatment or observation. The shelters are grouped around the clinic so that the resident vet can check all the horses on a daily basis.

Organising Secretary of the Brooke Hospital Richard Searight says, "There will be no escape for the less cooperative owners, as horses will be actually hired from the shelter area; if an owner does not leave his horse at the shelter, it cannot be hired." "All in all," Searight continued, "this is a most exciting project, as its potentially controllable nature should allow us to bring all the horses up to a very reasonable standard."

A blacksmith, fully trained at the Royal Stables, will be resident at the clinic, as well as a specially trained vet. The medicine, vaccines and X-ray facilities have all been provided by the Brooke Hospital and treatment will be free to those who cannot afford to pay; and to those who can, a small, nominal, subsidised fee will be charged. The Ministry of Agriculture clinic behind Wadi Musa will still operate, providing care for the various animals in the whole area.

The official opening of the clinic is planned for March 1988 when Her Royal Highness Princess Zein, who has been greatly involved in the clinics establishment and for whom the clinic will be named, will judge a parade of all the horses.

This idea is based on a successful scheme started in Luxor, Egypt where the Brooke also has a clinic, in which the owners of carriage horses that qualify for the best-kept horse win small monetary prizes, while the first prize winners receive magnificent new harnesses. Much sought after, these prizes generate enthusiasm to keep the horses in good



A tired and worn-out horse waiting for tourists at Petra

Andrew Higgins, to discuss the project with the ministry, SPANA has offered to provide a mobile equine welfare unit (a converted Landrover), stocked with blankets, suitable dressings and medications, which would

tour the northern half of the country with two or three specially-trained vets. SPANA would operate the unit for a number of years, to be taken over at a later date by the Jordanian prevention of cruelty to animals society, if it is indeed established.

Larter hopes that the society would also help to establish eventually a cat and dog pound in Amman which would deal with the ongoing problem of stray animals.

Having helped set up a similar project in Greece, Larter is convinced that it can work: "All the stray animals could be collected up and kept in the pounds until the owner or a new home is found. If neither is forthcoming, then some of the animals could be neutered and released again in order to prevent the increase in vermin; and others could be humanely put down. I believe that with a little outside help and funding, it can be done here."

"What is also very important is education," Larter continued. "Young children must be told that kittens and puppies are living beings, and like themselves, they feel pain. I am fully aware that there are many human problems in the Middle East." Larter concluded, "but that does not alter the fact that dogs and cats exist and have to be cared for."

Larter, who began her career as a groom to many famous British showjumpers and then operated her own horse-transporting business, collecting and delivering all over Europe, has been involved with animal welfare since 1978, when she first became aware of the atrocities committed by those responsible for the trans-

portation of livestock. After finding Yugoslavian horses dead and injured on a train at Modena on the French-Italian border, Larter reported the incident to the International League for the Protection of Horses, which after a full investigation, made some improvements.

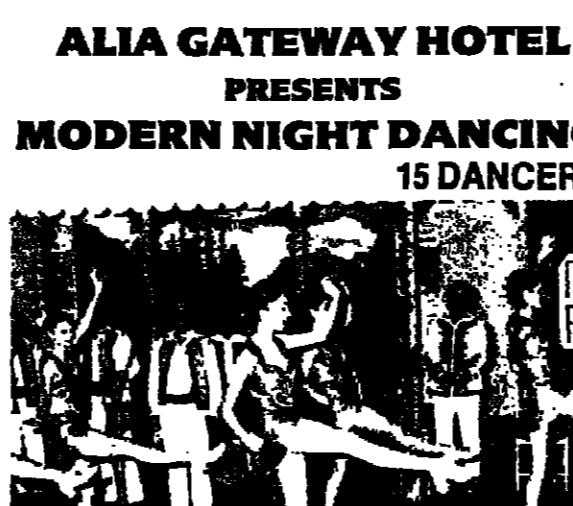
Since then, Larter has been sent on many welfare trips not only for the International League but also for the Greek Animal Welfare Fund and for the Brooke Hospital, which, as well as the Middle East tour, has sent Larter to Japan and Australia.

It was in Australia that Larter discovered brumby shooting — a particularly barbaric method of killing wild horses. The horses are shot because farmers believe they compete for food with their cattle and sheep. A helicopter is used as the most efficient way of scouring the outback, but as it is not possible to kill cleanly from such an unstable mode of transport the horses often die from serious injuries.

Larter's untiring campaign against the shooting of brumbies, like the many campaigns she has waged before, particularly in England where she has helped bring about changes in legislation in the transport and sale of livestock, will hopefully produce results. Her energy and dedication to her cause will also be of great help now that she is resident here in Jordan.

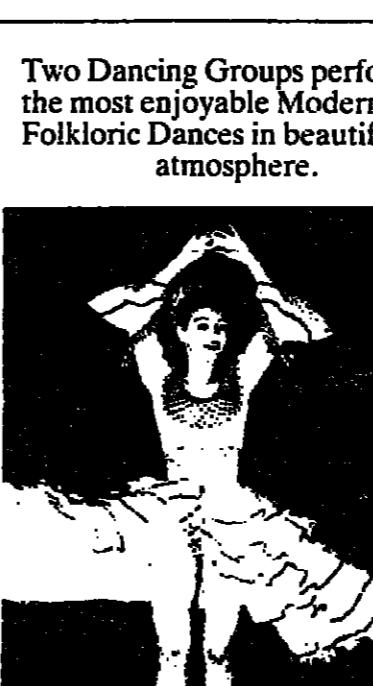
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AN ISLAND FOR AN ISLAND: Aborigine protester Burnum Burnum, an actor-writer who travelled from Australia to England to claim the country for the Aborigines, plants the red, yellow and black Aboriginal flag near the cliffs of Dover. Burnum, wearing tribal paint, said: "In

claiming this land, we wish our neighbours no harm." He said he was ridiculing the idea of a country being claimed by a group of people. His protest coincided with Australia's 200th birthday celebrations in Sydney.

The other Australians

All kinds of jollifications are planned as Australia starts its bicentennial year. But for some—the original inhabitants—there is little to celebrate. Chris Sherwell reports on a sour note among the festivities.

SYDNEY — As celebrations of Australia's 200th anniversary of white settlement move into top gear, the appalling fate of the country's indigenous Aborigines is coming under intense scrutiny. To judge by accounts abroad, it is the only bicentennial story. Here in a rich country of 16 million people celebrating 200 years while 225,000 Aborigines, among the poorest people in the world, can trace their origins back 40,000 years.

At home, the issue has become inescapable as aboriginal groups have mounted vocal protests at important bicentennial functions and insisted that, for them, there is nothing to celebrate.

In sympathy, the federal minister responsible for aboriginal affairs, himself white, is boycotting the celebration organised by his own government.

Another minister has said Aborigines have to face up to the shame of their past before they can celebrate the glory of the last 200 years. Even Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, whose government barely acknowledged the aboriginal issue when re-elected six months ago, has spoken of the "crimes of the past" and foreshadowed a "compact" with the aboriginal people.

Like all collisions between race and politics, however, the aboriginal issue in Australia is far from simple. For a start, Aborigines are a diverse group of communities and peoples, living in cities and open country all over Australia.

It is young urbanised aboriginal radicals who have worked to co-ordinate public protests against the bicentennial. The protests include marches, noisy demonstrations and displays of slogans and flags. They are intended to be peaceful but embarrassing.

The radicals' individual spokesmen are mostly self-appointed and acknowledge that they represent themselves as much as their people. They disagree with each other, with Aborigines who have "made it" and with traditional society in the Outback.

Indeed, a range of different aboriginal groups has readily accepted government money — least from the Australian Bicentennial Authority itself — to advance their more immediate interests.

The most notable example is the assistance, worth more than A\$2.5 million (U.S.\$1.8 million), given to the Alice Springs-based aboriginal enterprise called Imparja to secure a commercial television licence broadcasting programmes to the Northern Territory and South Australia. The station began transmission last month.

Another A\$50,000 grant went to the colourful Burnum Burnum to write a traveller's guide on aboriginal Australia. He flew

to Britain recently and, on Australia Day, read a declaration on the white cliffs of Dover that he is taking possession of England on behalf of the aboriginal peoples.

Accusations regarding poor aboriginal living conditions have come thick and fast. Page one of the annual report of the federal government's Department of Aboriginal Affairs states bluntly that aborigines are the most disadvantaged people in Australian society.

It goes on to say that life expectancy is 20 years less than that for other Australians, infant mortality is nearly three times that for non-aboriginal Australians, and 52 per cent of aboriginal children up to the age of nine have some form of trachoma.

In addition, aboriginal unemployment is six times the national average, income for those employed is only half that of other Australians, most aborigines live in sub-standard housing or temporary shelter and imprisonment rates are 20 times higher than those for other Australians.

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lavished on bicentennial celebrations and projects. The government also knows that its embarrassment can be (and is) exploited by countries like South Africa, France and the Soviet Union.

In fact much has been achieved since 1967, when Aborigines were belatedly given equal citizenship and allowed to vote.

One illustration is in the growing numbers of Aborigines in government, the professions and business. Another is to be found in aboriginal children's schooling.

The most tangible progress is to be seen in the Northern Territory, which is administered by the Federal government. There, land rights legislation has so far given Aborigines title to more than one-third of the land. Aborigines run their own land councils, legal and medical services, schools and radio (and now television) stations.

As most of the territory's production comes from aboriginal-owned land, revenues from royalties are being ploughed into business — arts and crafts, tourist ventures, hotels and shops.

The lessons for Australia's six slow-moving and often short-sighted state governments are plain — land rights have provided a psychological, cultural and economic base from which the aboriginal community can recover their lost esteem, sense of identity and self-reliance.

That is why the federal government's recent talk of a "compact", and in particular its formal recognition last month that Aborigines were dispossessed of their land when the whites arrived, is so important.

Currently the legal position in Australia is that, pre-1788, the land was terra nullius — it belonged to no one. If that doctrine is abandoned in favour of a notion of conquest, it will remove continuing obstacles in relation to land rights and compensation.

For now the precise thinking behind the government's move remains unclear. The "compact" has not been explained in detail, and the recognition of dispossession is only contained in a preamble to legislation yet to be passed — legislation which, incidentally, will set up a new Aboriginal Commission with elected representatives in place of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

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Sat. — Feb. 6, 1988

8:30 Married with Children
But I didn't Shoot the Deputy

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9:00 Variety Show

10:20 French Feature Film

Starring:
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Francois, an unemployed worker, tries to improve his economic situation by winning the 100 thousand francs prize offered by C.T.V. for his participation in adventure programme where his chances of survival are very slim.

Sun. — Feb. 7, 1988

8:30 Farrington of the F.O.
Too Damned Hot

The consulate is in turmoil when Harriet's house guest, the recently divorced Sarah, develops more than a passing fancy for the Major.

9:10 Doc. — Australia
Part 2

Australia Will be There

One of Australia's most popular

Becker leads W. Germany to 2-0 lead in Davis Cup

ESSEN, West Germany (Agencies) — Boris Becker showed he had shaken off the knee injury which has kept him out of competitive tennis since December by leading West Germany to a 2-0 lead over Brazil in their Davis Cup clash Friday.

Becker, displaying the power that won him two Wimbledon men's singles titles, overwhelmed Brazilian number two Cassio Motta 6-0, 6-2, 6-0.

Impressive reserve Carl-Uwe Steeb, a last minute substitute for injured Eric Jelen, then crushed Luiz Mattar 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 to give West Germany a commanding advantage ahead of Saturday's doubles.

In Prague, Czechoslovakia took a 1-0 lead over Paraguay in their Davis Cup World Group First Round tie when Petr Korda beat Hugo Chapacu 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

Sri Lanka leads Malaysia

In Kuala Lumpur, Sri Lanka took a 2-0 lead over Malaysia by winning the opening singles of their Davis Cup, Asia/Oceania Zone Group Two tie.

Arjun Fernando beat V. Selvam 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 and Umesh Wallopillai beat Chow Chin Huan 9-11, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1, 3-1.

India, Yugoslavia draw level

In New Delhi, Yugoslavia's

big-hitting Slobodan Zivojinovic overcame the challenge of Indian Ramesh Krishnan 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to level the Davis Cup World Group First Round tie after Vijay Amritraj had put last year's finalists ahead 1-0.

Zivojinovic, ranked 22nd in the world, started slowly and trailed 6-3 in the first set but his powerful serve soon began to work.

He delivered a series of aces, with Krishnan finding the Yugoslav's heavily-spun second serve as difficult to deal with as his blistering first.

Amritraj, 34, was untroubled against 20-year-old Bruno Oresar, winning 6-3, 6-0, 6-3.

In Jakarta, the first round of the Asian Oceanian Davis Cup zonal competition was halted Friday by pouring rain with Indonesia 5, Titus Arianto Wibowo leading 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 against Thailand's Vorapong Tongkanchu.

Tennis officials said the match would be continued Saturday.

Japan takes lead in Manila

In Manila, Japan took a 2-0

lead over the Philippines by winning the opening singles in the Asia/Oceania Zone Group One tie.

Toshehisa Tsuchishashi beat Andres Battad 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 and Chigeru Ohta beat Ringo Navarro 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

In Palermo, Sicily, Italy swept the two singles Davis Cup matches against Israel Friday.

Italy's Paolo Cane, needed only one hour and 35 minutes to down Israel's top player Amos Mansdorf in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

Francesco Cancellotti outclassed Gilad Bloom in the marathon opener, winning 6-1, 6-2, 6-8, 6-4 on the slow clay courts.

Italy can wrap up the best-of-five match in the doubles Saturday. Reverse singles are scheduled Sunday.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Zamalek crowned Afro-Asian champions

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian side Zamalek beat Japan's Furukawa 2-0 (half-time 0-0) Friday to clinch the Afro-Asian Soccer Championship title. Zamalek, Africa's 1986 champions, attacked from the start but it was in the first minute after the interval that their efforts were rewarded when Ehab Nassar scored the first goal. Striker Gamal Abdul Hamid headed home the second in the 60th minute to the cheers of about 50,000 fans.

Becker loses court battle

FRANKFURT (R) — West German tennis player Boris Becker has lost a court battle of a different kind. A Frankfurt court declared Thursday the former Wimbledon champion to be "a public figure" and turned down his claim for compensation and damages against a Wiesbaden publisher who used Becker's photograph, without permission, on the front cover of a book. The judge ruled that, as a public figure, Becker had rights for compensation only when his photograph was used for advertising purposes.

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Boost in prize money for Arc de Triomphe

LONDON (AP) — This year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Europe's most prestigious flat race, will be worth £500,000 (\$880,000) to the winner, a 25 per cent increase on the 1987 value, it has been announced. The Longchamp showpiece has been given its massive boost thanks to the sponsorship of Ciga, an international company specialising in high-quality hotels, and will be part of a weekend festival of horseracing which represents the most valuable meeting in Europe. The two-day fixture, to be staged on Oct. 1 and 2, carries a prize-money total of £1.5 million (\$2.64 million) and Ciga has agreed to back the programme for six years, until 1993.

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Seoul says Olympics door still open for North Korea

SEOUL (AP) — Although North Korea has been condemned for its alleged role in the bombing of a South Korean jetliner, it won't be banned from joining in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, a top official said Friday.

Assistant Foreign Minister Park Soo-Gil told foreign reporters the north could take part in the games that begin Sept. 17 in Seoul as long as it drops its demand to co-host the event.

"The door is still open for North Korea to take part in the Seoul Olympics as long as they accept a compromise by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)," Park said.

The Lausanne, Switzerland-based IOC offered to let North Korea host some events of the Olympics in Seoul on condition it drops its co-hosting demand.

Park said 56 countries had condemned North Korea since a woman confessed in Seoul on Jan. 15 that she had bombed the Korean Air (KAL) flight Nov. 29 on orders from the Pyongyang leaders. The woman said it was an attempt to disrupt the games.

North Korea has denied involvement, claiming that the plane's destruction was the work of South Korean intelligence agents to defame the games.

The minister also said the upcoming "Team Spirit" joint U.S.-South Korean military exercise would not affect North Korean efforts, if any, to settle the Olympic dispute.

AMMAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

JUNIOR TEAMS	Pts	MIDS-1 TEAMS	Pts
Dorma	6	NECC	6
Arab Bank	4	Istiklal	4
Nash/EBB	4	Danish Dairy	3
Samar	2	Intercon	2
Astra	0	EEE	1

MIDS-2 TEAMS	Pts	SENIOR TEAMS	Pts
Marriott	4	JWM	6
Furukawa	4	France Lait	4
NEP	4	La Vache Qui Rit	4
Jor-Exp	4	Al Ahlyah	2
GEMT	0	Westinghouse	0

Results of Friday's games

JUNIORS			
Arab Bank	24	Samar	14
Astra	6	Nash/EBB	34

MIDS-1			
EEE	7	NECC	28
Danish Dairy	9	Intercon	8

MIDS-2			
Marriott	46	Furukawa	39
Jor-Exp	27	NEP	28

SENIORS			
JWM	54	France Lait	52
La Vache Qui Rit	49	Westinghouse	28

Soviet speed skater rejects ban threat at Calgary

CALGARY, Alberta (Agencies) — Nikolai Gulyayev, the Soviet speed skater at the centre of a steroids controversy, arrived for the Winter Olympics Thursday seemingly unconcerned he could be on a plane home before the games begin.

"I'm here to skate," the world champion said after arriving from Moscow with teammates.

Asked for his reaction to the possibility he may be barred from the games following allegations he sold steroids to Norwegian skater Stein Kroshus, Gulyayev waved his hands and said: "It's rubbish."

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), under pressure from the Norwegians to prevent Gulyayev competing here, is

due to discuss the matter Saturday.

The IOC has asked Soviet officials what they intend to do about Gulyayev.

But IOC Vice-President Prince Alexandre de Merode told Reuters Thursday: "As things stand, there is no way we can take any action."

"We have to prove something. We are waiting. At the moment we cannot do anything but wait."

"I believe that if we want to conserve some credibility we have to be careful," he added.

"We have to be very strong, but very careful and not do anything without a real basis of proof."

"We don't know what is happening," De Merode said. "We have asked the Soviets to tell us."

Gulyayev refused to discuss the allegations after pushing his way through a battery of press photographers at Calgary airport. He said he would compete in the 500, 1,000 and 1,500 metres.

He said he was "fed up" with being hounded by newspapers and did not know if he would discuss the allegations at a formal press conference during the games.

Soviet sports officials have said Gulyayev was an unwitting courier in a delivery of 800 Soviet-made steroids.

But the Norwegians have maintained that he struck a deal with Gulyayev to buy the drugs for Western currency.

Steroids are not banned in Norway but it is illegal to import them from the Soviet Union. The use of steroids to boost performance is banned by the IOC.

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Economy

Jordan gets IDB aid, loan

JEDDAH (OPECNA) — Jordan, along with two other developing nations, will receive a total of \$1.45 million in technical assistance from the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). Jordan will also benefit from another seven loans totalling \$47.5 million granted by the IDB to seven Islamic countries to help them promote trade transactions.

The assistance and the loans were approved by the IDB's board of directors at a meeting held in Jeddah Wednesday.

The approval came at the end of the IDB's 95th board session which also approved funds for projects to be carried out in Sudan, Uganda, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Egypt.

Prominent transport company earns nearly JD 4.4m profits

AMMAN (Petra) — The Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company (JILTC) last year generated profits estimated at JD 3.1 million and also gained nearly JD 1.3 million in capital revenues, according to JILTC General Manager Jamil Ibrahim.

Speaking during a visit Thursday by Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan to the company's headquarters in Amman, Ibrahim said JILTC now employs 1440 workers, 98 per cent of whom are Iraqis or Jordanians.

JILTC is continually training local workers on all types of work and maintenance technology to prepare them to replace the remaining foreign technicians, Ibrahim said.

Haj Hassan was briefed on the company's operations and programmes for the coming years.

On Tuesday, the JILTC signed a JD 3,927 million contract with the French company Renault Vehicles Industriel for supplying 150 trucks to help promote the work of the company and meet its expanding operations.

With the arrival of the additional trucks, the JILTC will be owning a fleet of 900 trucks that will boost its transportation of goods to Iraq from the Jordanian sea port of Aqaba.

Ibrahim said that the new trucks will create new jobs for more people and will help ease the congestion of goods accumulated at Aqaba. He said that another agreement will soon be signed with a Yugoslav company for supplying trailers for the 150 trucks.

At the end of the meeting with JILTC officials the minister toured the company's different sections and was briefed on their functions.

IWC lowers world wheat output

LONDON (AP) — World wheat production for 1987 is estimated at 507 million tonnes, 28 million tonnes below the previous season's record, the International Wheat Council (IWC) said Thursday.

In a detailed report on the world grain market, the council also said last year's output of coarse grains, primarily maize or corn, was estimated at 801 million tonnes, compared with 844 million in 1986 and the record 857 million in 1985.

The council, a leading forecasting body, left unchanged its estimate that Soviet grain imports would total 33 million tonnes in the marketing year between July 1987 and June 1988.

It said the outlook for the 1988 world wheat harvest was "mostly

forecast for Saturday, February 6, 1988

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: There are a considerable number of changes facing you; none of them is quite ready to be put in motion yet. You would be wise to study all your options and act now and not make any sudden moves.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You should use much caution today, since strange happenings could occur at a moment's notice. Handle your financial affairs tonight.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Postpone recreational activities until you can get your personal affairs in better order. Make sure you dress very nicely this evening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Do what you can to increase your time at home by spending more time with your family. This is not a good day to entertain guests.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Steer clear of anyone who is in a bad mood, or it could rub off on you. You'll need to follow a well-planned schedule today.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) This is not a good time to discuss money and property matters with anyone. If you need to make some home repairs, do them yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You could get into a lot of trouble today if you get impatient and lose your temper, so stay cool. Don't be critical of your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your plan for a night on the town with your mate, if so, may not have a great time together anyway.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A friend who is in trouble should be helped without a second thought; this person is most deserving. Drive very carefully today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If there are some obstacles in the path of your progress, remove them rather than trying to leap them. Don't neglect your bills.

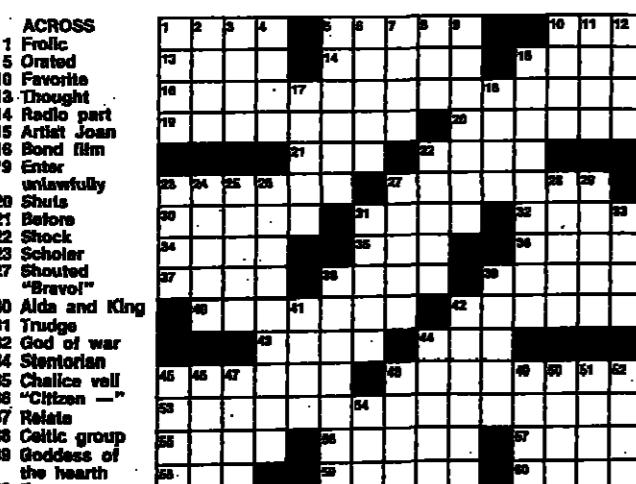
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't rely on others to help your progress. Pull yourself up by your bootstraps and forge ahead. Postpone a trip you have in mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18) This is a good day to study your financial status and correct any errors you may have made. Don't get upset over a little setback.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Let a business partner know that you will carry through with any promises you have made, and maintain harmony with this person.

THE Daily Crossword

by Albert J. Klaus



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New York Stock Exchange restricts programme trading

NEW YORK (Agencies) — The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) dealt a major blow to programme trading Thursday, banning its use for index trading whenever the Dow Jones industrials move up or down 50 points in a day.

The exchange said it would apply to the Securities and Exchange Commission to make a permanent rule restricting use of its automated order system when the key market indicator moves more than 50 points in a day. In the meantime, the NYSE asked member firms to honour the rule voluntarily.

The 50-point rule applies to a method of programme trading known as "index arbitrage" — computer-directed intermarket trading which allows traders to take advantage of price discrepancies between stocks and stock index futures.

The ban would limit computer programme trading, in which orders to buy or sell are made by preset computer programmes as prices fluctuate and which is nearly impossible without the exchange's automated order system.

NYSE Chairman John Phelan called the ban "a step by the SEC to limit the potential market volatility caused by programme trading and reinforcing investor confidence."

Phelan, who has often cited computer programme trading as a disruptive influence on the markets and a contributor to the Oct. 19 crash in which the Dow Jones average plummeted 508 points, made the announcement after a NYSE board meeting.

Exchange members sought a tightening of earlier temporary restrictions that had banned programme trading after the market where he had his weekly meeting with President Kenan Evren.

Ruder wants his agency to have tie-breaking power in disputes with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

Ruder, whose agency oversees

the stock market, said his agency should have the last word when there are disagreements with other federal regulators in overseeing the nation's stock and futures exchanges.

Leo Melamed, chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, said the exchanges can correct flaws in the system by cooperating among themselves.

"The expertise necessary to achieve the cooperation exists within the exchanges themselves. Our suggested approach is through the private sector," Melamed said.

Karsten Mahlmann, chairman of the Chicago Board of Trade, said, "in our judgment, such a system of coordination would be more effective than the creation of a super agency structure."

The SEC had staked out a claim to be the dominant regulator of the nation's financial markets designed to halt speculation in foreign exchange and break the back of a parallel free market in hard currencies.

The measures, calling for tighter control of foreign exchange dealings, were interpreted by economic analysts as a step back from plans to further liberalise the economy.

Ruder, whose agency oversees the stock markets, said on NBC television show "Today" that he'd like to see leaders of stock and futures exchanges "get together to tell us what kinds of measures they think are important" to improve the functioning of financial markets.

Speaking of the current division in authority over stocks and futures markets, he said: "It's my opinion that the Securities and Exchange Commission should have what I think of as a tie-breaking function when we can't reach agreement with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

In the past months the value of the Turkish lira against hard currencies was much lower at the free market than the central bank official rates.

Earlier, Ruder told the Senate Banking Committee that stock and futures markets are so closely linked it makes sense for stock index futures to be regulated by the SEC rather than by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

He rejected the notion — advanced by the presidential task force appointed to study the October stock market crash — that the Federal Reserve Board should coordinate financial market policy.

The FTSE 100 share index dropped to 1,731.5 points by 1604 GMT, having been 23.2 points off at 1,743.7 only an hour before.

Reports that a major U.S. broking house is forecasting 12 per cent U.K. base lending rates by late in 1988 had sent the market into a slide just after midsession. Dealers said lack of buying for the new account and talk that ICI might be considering a rights issue added weight to the late decline.

"It looks as though the market tried to draw people in for the new account but when the buyers didn't bite they quickly marked prices down," one dealer said.

The background of the reportedly bearish circular was enough to put the market makers on the defensive about the coming account which brings sensitive economic data such as U.S. December trade figures and U.K. inflation data for January.

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's economic growth slowed to an average 4.5 per cent a year in the past two years, dragged down by lower oil earnings which plunged 38 per cent last fiscal year, the central bank said Thursday.

The bank said annual growth averaged 6.8 per cent — against a target of eight per cent — during the five-year development plan which ended last year. Growth averaged 8.4 per cent in the plan's first three years.

The report said oil revenue fell to 1,032 billion pounds (\$1.47 billion at the official bookkeeping rate) from 1.7 billion pounds (\$2.4 billion) in 1985-86.

But the bank said canal revenues rose 17.5 per cent to 769 million pounds (\$1.098 billion) and it reported a 44 per cent increase in the number of tourists spent in Egypt.

The report said transfers from Egyptians abroad, the biggest source of hard currency, fell to

standby credits accord with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) last May and rescheduled payments on its \$40 billion foreign debt.

The central bank gave no economic growth figure for 1986-87, but said the average for the past two years was 4.5 per cent. This indicated Egypt fared worse last year than in 1985-86, for which the bank a year ago reported 5.9 per cent growth.

Ortega accuses Reagan of new plots for contra aid after House failure

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua's government has accused President Reagan of plotting new ways to help rightwing guerrillas overthrow it despite his failure to win more military aid for the rebels.

In Washington, a White House official acknowledged that the administration had begun considering ways to maintain support for the rebels, known as contras, after the House of Representatives voted 219-211 to kill Reagan's \$36-million aid request.

The commander of the contra army said the guerrillas would have to scale down their attacks and change tactics to conserve military supplies because of the reduction, although he vowed to continue the fight.

Reagan got symbolic political support Thursday night from the U.S. Senate when it voted 51-48 in favour of his aid package, but the vote had no practical effect since approval by both chambers was needed.

The House vote Wednesday night was generally welcomed in Latin America as a boost for the regional peace plan signed by the five Central American leaders in August.

Costa Rica's President Oscar Arias, who won the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize as architect of the plan, welcomed the vote "with great joy and also with a sense of

responsibility for Central America."

Arias said it gave Central America the right to ask other governments to stop aiding guerrillas in other countries, especially Guatemala and El Salvador, and removed obstacles to a ceasefire in the area.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said Thursday the defeat of the aid package offered new hope for a regional plan for ending Central America's conflicts.

"But this does not mean the war has ended or is about to end in Nicaragua," he told news conference. "Already, Reagan is meeting his National Security Council, searching and studying new formulas for continuing the war against Nicaragua."

In Washington a White House official, who asked not to be identified, said Thursday: "This one's not over yet. We will be sitting down today to see what the next step will be."

Two top contra leaders, Adolfo Calero and Alfredo Cesar, told reporters in Washington their forces would redouble their struggle against the Nicaraguan gov-

ernment.

They said they would seek assistance from countries other than the United States, acknowledging that their fighting funds would dry up by the end of March.

Former Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland said her country viewed the house vote as a sign of support for the peace process in Central America, which has been supported by the Norwegian government.

Speaking in a Central American country he declined to name, contra military Commander Enrique Bermudez said the rebels had been making about 300 attacks a month recently but that they would have to be more selective in choosing targets and would probably stage fewer offensives to conserve military supplies.

He also said he contacted many field commanders after the aid vote and they agreed the six-year struggle would continue and morale remained high.

European reaction Thursday to the congressional vote against U.S. aid to contra rebels ranged from praise to cautious acceptance.

West German Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, an opposition Social Democrat and a mediator between the contras and the Sandinistas, said the vote was a "great success in efforts to continue the peace process."

In Madrid, Foreign Ministry spokesman Inocencio Arias said Spain considered the defeat of the aid package a step toward peace in Central America.

Reagan and Gorbachev signed the treaty abolishing land-based medium-range nuclear missiles at a summit in Washington in December, the first agreement between the superpowers to reduce their nuclear arsenals.

Reagan, Gorbachev nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO (R) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Ronald Reagan have been nominated for the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize for last year's treaty scrapping medium-range nuclear missiles. Nobel Institute sources said Friday.

The sources told Reuters that Pope John Paul and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi were also among nominees.

Institute Director Jakob Sver-

GOREN BRIDGE

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A PSYCHE WE LIKE

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Opening lead: Seven of ♦

make sure the bidding would not be dropped at an "inconvenient" point. When North showed a balanced minimum with his two no trump bid, South decided no harm, and perhaps a lot of good, could come if he muddied the waters a trifle. So he chose to rebid three diamonds.

When North confirmed a minimum with no particular fit for either of South's suits, South wasted no more time in getting to his desired goal. Everything now hinged on West's opening lead.

Imagine that poor defender's quandary. He had been around long enough to realize that South might have been pulling a fast one in the auction, but what if the auction was legitimate? In that case, leading the ace of diamonds could easily have presented declarer with an otherwise unbreakable contract.

West steered for a considerable time over his opening lead, but he decided he would be better off if he didn't let the auction be genuine. So after great travail he selected the seven of hearts as his opening lead, to declarer's great delight. South could have made 15 tricks had the rules of the game permitted. It was unnecessary to point out to poor West that ace of diamonds and another would have been the winning defense.

Mine kills 11 refugees on Afghan-Pakistan border

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (R) — Eleven Afghan refugees were killed and nine injured Thursday when their pickup truck ran over a landmine on the Afghan-Pakistani border, a Pakistani official said Friday.

The incident happened near the border village of Kharlachi in the Kurram Tribal Agency West of Peshawar.

The mountainous area is crossed by important supply routes for the anti-Communist Afghan guerrillas based in Pakistan and fierce battles have been fought on the Afghan side.

The rebel supply trails are often mined to hinder the flow of Western and other arms to guerrillas in the interior.

The political agent for Kurram Agency, Abdul Karim Qasuria, told reporters Thursday's blast took place three kilometres inside Afghan territory. He said the dead included six members of a single family but gave no further details.

"Some Pakistani newspapers, however, said the mine was inside Kurram Agency and that the victims were on their way to a wedding at Kharlachi.

More than three million

Pakistan reimposes curfew after Karachi ethnic clash

KARACHI (R) — Pakistani troops reimposed a full curfew in a suburb of Karachi Friday after overnight ethnic clashes injured six people, local authorities said.

Police in Shah Faisal Colony, near the international airport, used teargas after militants from the rival Mohajir and Pashtun communities exchanged shots and stones, eyewitnesses said. Police said they had arrested 40 people.

A curfew was imposed on Jan. 18 after three people were killed in riots. It was lifted for spells during the daytime so residents could buy food and go to work and Thursday's violence erupted during one such break.

A full curfew was reimposed Friday and was only lifted for weekly prayers at noon.

More than 350 people have been killed in Pakistan's biggest city during the past 15 months in

armed clashes between the two communities.

A campaign against alleged discrimination by the Mohajirs, Muslim migrants from neighbouring countries, has brought the community into conflict with the Pashtuns, a tribal people from the North West.

Fearing Pakistani tribesmen killed 18 people, mainly women and children, in an attack on a defenceless village, police said Friday.

They said outlaw Qabil Chachar and his band entered Daulatpur village in Sind province Thursday when most of the men were out working in the fields.

The raiders opened fire indiscriminately with automatic weapons, killing 13 women, three children and two men, police said. They also tried to set fire to the village.

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The Telecommunications Corporation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (TCC) announces Tender No. TCC 1/88 for the Supply of Heavy Materials for Local Line Plant Projects such as cables, wooden poles, P.V.C. pipes, manhole covers and dropwire, as part of the implementation programme of the Five-Year Development Plan for the expansion of the Telephone Network in Jordan.

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All interested manufacturers/suppliers from the World Bank member countries, Switzerland, and Taiwan - China, are invited to participate in this tender, in accordance with the terms, stipulations and technical specifications contained in the bidding documents.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of the Secretary of Tender Committee, P.O. Box 1689, Telecommunications Corporation, Amman - Jordan, as of Thursday, February 11, 1988 against a payment of a non-refundable fee of one hundred (100) Jordanian Dinars (JD).

Bids, accompanied by bid security, are to be submitted in English to the office of the Secretary of Tender Committee not later than 12:00 noon local time on Saturday, April 16, 1988.

Director General
Eng. Mohammad Shahid Ismail

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SUPPLY OF LOCAL LINE PLANT SERVICES AND ACCESSORIES

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Specialised companies are hereby invited to submit their bids in accordance with the terms, stipulations & technical specifications contained in the Bidding Documents.

Bidders are requested to submit, in addition to bid price, a financing proposal to finance the cost of the subsequent contract to be awarded.

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Director General
Eng. Mohammad Shahid Ismail

Thai-Lao fighting hinges on battle for 'killing field'

BANGKOK (R) — Thailand's six-month border fight with Laos has been reduced to a struggle for a single hill, with a Thai advance bogged down under a hail of withering artillery fire in what Thai officers have nicknamed "the killing field."

Military sources in Bangkok said Thai fighter-bombers and artillery were pounding fortified Lao positions Friday on top of hill 1428 after taking over two other hills in the disputed border area in a renewed offensive this week.

However, an advance of Thai ground forces on the steep, thickly-forested and mined hill 1428 was being blocked by heavy shelling directed from within Laos at the only approach to the hill, they said.

"We're calling this area the killing field," one well-placed military source said. A Western military attache described the terrain as "incredibly rugged."

That Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila said Thursday about 100 Thais had been killed or wounded. The Thai army had said some Laotians had been captured and that Laos had suffered massive casualties.

Another said although only between 50 and 70 Lao troops were dug in on the hill it might take several days to oust them. "They have been bringing up reinforcements and are stubbornly pur-

suing the fight as long as they can," he said.

Thailand and Laos each claim an 80-square kilometre swathe of territory along the border, basing their stand on different interpretations of a 1907 map drawn up by the French during their colonial occupation of Laos.

The dispute began last May over logging rights in the area and fighting has flared sporadically since last August, with Thailand sending F-5E fighter-bombers to attack Lao positions in December.

One of the U.S.-built warplanes was shot down by a Lao SAM-7 missile Thursday, the fourth day of a Thai assault on the hilltop, about 400 kilometres north of Bangkok.

Both sides say they are willing to negotiate a settlement, but Thailand, whose population, resources and army dwarfs that of its eastern Communist neighbour, demands a full withdrawal of Lao forces before talks can begin.

The Thai foreign minister, on a visit to Malaysia Thursday, directly implicated Vietnam in the conflict. Thai leaders have indicated Vietnam was giving anti-aircraft missiles, ammunition and other support to enable Laos to continue fighting. Vietnam has 40,000 troops stationed in Laos.

Sihanouk formally cuts off talks with Hun Sen

PEKING (AP) — Kampuchean Resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk has formally halted talks with the head of the Vietnam-backed Kampuchean government, saying any future talks would be "sterile and futile."

Sihanouk, in a telegram to Prime Minister Hun Sen, said the two sides had reached an impasse over crucial issues in two previous rounds of talks in Paris.

"The time is not right" for more meetings, and continuation of the talks would be against the interests of the Kampuchean people, he said. A third round of talks had been scheduled for Pyongyang, North Korea, in April.

The 120 mm mortar has major advantages over the conventional 82 mm mortar, he said.

The 120 can hit a target 6,000 metres away, about twice the range of the 82, he added. The 82 carries 7.27 pounds (3.36 kilograms) of high explosive, while the 120 carries 34.2 pounds (15.5 kilograms), Abdul Haq said.

He said the mine-clearing equipment consists of a rock that trails explosive primacord on the ground, detonating everything in its wake.

Tripura state election win gives Gandhi a big boost

AGARTALA, India (R) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party received a boost Friday by winning a majority in the Communist-dominated state of Tripura.

The surprise victory ended 10 years of Marxist rule marred in recent weeks by a stepped-up campaign by tribal guerrillas seeking the expulsion of Bengali immigrants.

Latest returns showed the Congress and its local ally had won 31 of the 59 seats declared for the 60-seat Meghalaya Assembly and its main rival the Hill People's Union (HPU) had won 19 seats.

The remaining went to independent candidates and local parties which will decide who will form the government in coalition with them.

Tripura shot into headlines after the Tribal National Volunteer (TNV) guerrillas shot and killed 105 people in a bloody build-up to the elections.

Gandhi brought in the army to take over the counter insurgency operations, ignoring protests from the state's Communist Chief Minister, Nripen Chakraborty.

"This is the very decision which brought the Congress (I) more votes than it could ever imagine," Deb said.

The remainder were won by the Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M) and the election in one constituency was revoked because of the death of a candidate.

Gandhi's supporters danced in the streets and hugged each other to celebrate the party's victory after a dismal performance last year when it only won in the remote Nagaland state.

"The winds of change are blowing from the north east. First from Nagaland and then from Tripura," said Gandhi's poll manager Santosh Mohan Deb.

Opposition leader warns of disunity against Ershad

DHAKA (R) — Opposition leader Begum Khaleda Zia says attempts are being made to disunite Bangladesh's "democratic" forces and perpetuate the present government.

Khaleda did not identify the object of her attack but political analysts said it was apparently the other main opposition leader, Sheikh Hasina.

"A conspiracy is being hatched to break the unity of the democracy-loving people on the eve of

their ultimate victory," Khaleda told a meeting of her seven-party alliance Thursday night.

"I urge all freedom-loving people to resist such conspiracies and free the country from the clutches of authoritarian rule," she said.

She did not explain further but analysts said she was apparently criticising Hasina, who says a united campaign does not necessarily mean sharing the same political platform.

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'British make themselves look stupid'

LONDON (R) — People throughout Britain decided to look ridiculous for charity Friday, putting on funny red clown noses to pay for inoculations for African children. The charity campaign, called "Comic Relief," was organised by British comedians on behalf of drought victims in Ethiopia and Sudan. The red noses were sold at railway stations, restaurants and charity offices for 50 pence (88 cents), which organisers said is the cost of inoculating an African child against all main preventable diseases. On London streets, businessmen in pin-striped suits strode to work wearing red noses. Morning television newscasters also put the silly noses on. Even a pin-up girl in the Sun newspaper wore one — and almost nothing else. Money raised will help the Oxfam Charity in Sudan, the Save the Children Fund in Ethiopia and 20 per cent will go to London's homeless, disabled and drug and alcohol abuse victims. Organisers said some four million noses were sold before the charity day began. "Comic Relief" ends an eight-hour telephone fund-raising programme featuring Britain's top comedians, two of whom filmed documentaries in drought-stricken Ethiopia and Sudan.

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